2014/2015 World Series of Poker Circuit Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino Event #3 No-Limit Holdem

Buv-In: \$365

**Total Entires: 284** 

Total Prize Pool: \$85,200 November 16-17, 2014

## Michael Kline Wins \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Event at Planet Hollywood

Las Vegas (November 17, 2014) – The latest winner from the World Series of Poker Circuit at Planet Hollywood is Michael Kline. Kline won Event #4: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em, earning his first WSOP Circuit ring and over \$20,000.

The tournament almost a disaster from the start for Kline. Early in Day 1, he found himself in a situation that often results in elimination. "We got it in on the flop," he said as he recalled the crucial hand after the tournament. "He had a set of queens, and I had a set of jacks. And he had less chips, so it didn't bust me, but I was very lucky to overcome that." And overcome it he did—a little more than 24 hours later Kline held all the chips.

Day 2 went much more smoothly for the eventual winner. Eight players advanced to Day 2, and Kline started the day second in chips. About three hours later, he was heads up against Nathan Rowan with a chip lead of roughly 3-1. Rowan almost pulled even after he doubled up through Kline, but Kline said that hand helped him adjust his strategy and lead him to victory. "I was playing really aggressive. After I lost that hand – he had queens and I had threes – I realized I had to be a little more careful in the calls I was making. So I just slowly grinded him down and chipped up and waiting for the right moment." The plan worked, and after about an hour of heads-up play, Rowan was eliminated in second place, and Kline had officially won his first ring.

"This excites me more than the money," he said while staring at the newly-won ring on his finger. "I'm stoked. I've been dreaming of this."

The tournament was played over two consecutive days, starting on Sunday, November 16. Of the 284 entrants, only 8 survivors took seats on the second day of action, played on Monday, November 17. The final playing session began at 2 p.m. local time. Play finished at 6:05 p.m., making the total duration of the final day a little more than 4 hours.

## Notes on the Event

-The final table had an international flavor with four different countries represented: Canada (Jay Glass – 6<sup>th</sup> place), United Kingdom (Simon Hawksworth – 8<sup>th</sup> place), Yaron Zeev Malki (Israel – 9<sup>th</sup> place), and six players from the US.

At the conclusion of Event #3, Kheang Tang still has the lead in the Planet Hollywood Casino Champion race. Tang, Craig Gold (winner of Event #2), and Michael Kline are tied with 50 points, but Tang holds the tie-breaker (money earned). The player who accumulates the most overall points in the twelve gold ring tournaments at Planet Hollywood earns the title "Casino Champion" and receives an automatic entry into the \$1 million 2015 WSOP National Championship. The winner of the Planet Hollywood Main Event earns an automatic entry to the National Championship as well. All players who cash in ring events will receive points that apply to both the Casino Champion race and the season-long race to claim one of the 50 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Planet Hollywood so far:

EVENT #1: James Watt defeated 1,387 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry) for \$71,749.

EVENT #2: Craig Gold defeated 162 players (\$580 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$27,000.

EVENT #3: Michael Kline defeated 284 players (\$365 No-Limit Hold'em) for \$20,450.

With the third tournament now wrapped up, there are still 9 more gold ring events before the WSOP Circuit at Planet Hollywood concludes on November 24th.

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